

REMARKS

Claims 11-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 19 and 20 have been canceled.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119

Applicant notes the Examiner's acknowledgment of the Claim for Priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, and receipt of the certified copy of the Priority Document in parent application Serial No. 10/194,297.

Drawings

Applicant notes the Examiner's acceptance of the drawings as filed along with the present application on January 7, 2004.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 19 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Ansel reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,013,940).

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant respectfully notes the Examiner's acknowledgment that claims 11-18 are allowed.

Claims 19 and 20 have been canceled, merely to advance prosecution of this application in view of the acknowledgment of allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

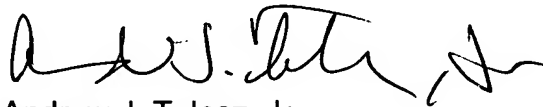
The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the corresponding rejection, and to pass the claims of the present application to issue, for at least the above reasons.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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